

Kirkurd & Newlands Parish Magazine

We bless you, God of Seed and Harvest



In the fading of the summer sun,
the shortening of days, cooling breeze,
swallows' flight and moonlight rays
We see the Creator's hand.

In the browning of leaves once green,
morning mists, autumn chill,
fruit that falls, frost's first kiss
We see the Creator's hand.

October 2023

All Services back in Church

We are now holding weekly services back in church again and everyone is very welcome to attend. Zoom services are still being held at Carlops at 10am and St Andrews West Linton at 11.30am.



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West Tweeddale Parishes

<i>Date</i>	<i>Carlops 10 am</i>	<i>Kirkurd & Newlands 10 am</i>	<i>West Linton 11.30 am</i>
08 October 2023	Mary McElroy	Rev Chris Levison	Kevin Scott
15 October 2023	David Howat	Fiona Burnett	David Howat
22 October 2023	Sheena Livingstone	Rev Tony Foley	Rev Tony Foley
29 October 2023	Rev Tony Foley	Steven Whalley	Rev Tony Foley
5 November 2023	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Tony Foley	Rev Chris Levison

Welcome: Jean and David Howat

Church Cleaning: Margaret Adamson



<i>Date</i>	<i>Broughton 11 am</i>	<i>Skirling 11.30 am</i>	<i>Tweedsmuir 9.30 am</i>
08 October 2023	Peter Worthington	Rev Chris Levison	Peter Worthington
15 October 2023	Joint Upper At Wee Crook	Tweeddale Harvest Rev Tony Foley	Service
22 October 2023	Fiona Burnett	Isobel Hunter	Fiona Burnett
29 October 2023	David Howat	Steven Whalley	David Howat
05 November 2023	Murray Campbell	Rev Tony Foley	Murray Campbell

Current worship leader rota is also available on the linkage website:
westtweeddale.org.u

‘Do not despise the day of small things.’

All harvests, no matter how large, begin with the small. Those small, seemingly insignificant, sometimes ugly looking things we call seeds hold the key to all harvests. All seeds are sown in faith and covered with hope. All large harvests are reaped because someone choose to sow a small seed. They sowed their seed in faith, and they covered it in hope. Perhaps that is why Jesus compared the kingdom of God to a seed sown. A seed filled with a God-empowered potential to produce the much longed-for harvest of a better world, a world characterised by among other things, *kindness*.

Nothing enlarges human hearts more than the touch of kindness, the heart of those who give and those who receive. In the same way, nothing wilts our hearts more than the wince of unkindness, given or received. Everyone loves the practice of kindness — loves thinking of themselves as a kind person — but somehow, the practice of it has taken a back seat in a culture driven by *‘selfing’*.

In this pandemic of *‘selfing’* it is so easy to mistake applause for connection, likes for friendship and virtual ‘hearts’ for genuine love. Contemporary sociologists tell us that we are now irrevocably enmeshed in a world where the *self* has become a commodity to promote and to sell in the vain pursuit of being seen for who we imagine people want us to be. This is an age when social media companies have designed algorithms that prioritize selfies over sunflowers, algorithms that amplify the word *I*, algorithms that are doping us with the dopamine of *‘being noticed’*. The writer Nathaniel Hawthorne in his novel, *The Scarlet Letter*, puts it best, “*No man for any considerable period can wear one face to himself, and another to the multitude, without finally getting bewildered as to which may be the true*”.

There must be a better way of doing life — a way to *‘unself’* ourselves just long enough to notice the person standing in front of us more than the one we are so desperately trying to be on Social Media. Whatever that better way of doing life is, it will not come about because of some new kind of technology but rather through the much-

admired habit of kindness. I like the way the poet Rae Armantrout puts it in her poem –

Life's Work:

Did I say I was a creature of habit?

I meant the opposite.

I meant behaviour

is like a pile of clothes

I might or might not wear.

Here is what I suggest to you as a personal experiment, every day for the next month, make the focus of your day the intentional sowing of one seed of deliberate kindness in the real world whether in word or deed. Try it for a month — as the poet says ‘,try it on like you would a piece of clothing’ and see how it feels. And if you don’t reap a harvest of the warm glow of kindness given and received, then you can always go back to the world of ‘*selfing*’.

Peace,

Tony

The Harvest Service is on

Sunday 8th October at 10 am.

Donations of food will be

delivered to Peebles

Foodbank.



Harvest Supper

Our Harvest Supper will be at Newlands on Saturday 7th October at 6.30pm in the church. It's a pot luck supper so please bring either a savoury or a sweet dish. Everyone is warmly invited but please let Jean Howat know if you would like to come -



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**Messy Church will be starting again this winter
on the following Sundays:**

Sunday 12 November – Noah's Ark

Sunday 10 December – Christmas

Sunday 14 January – Daniel and the Lions' Den

Sunday 18 February – Joseph

Sunday 10 March – Moses and the Burning Bush

**Sessions start at 4pm prompt in the New Church Hall at West Linton
and finish at 6pm.**

All children from babies to P7 are most welcome to come and join in the fun!

We will start with a Bible Story and then the children will do a range of craft activities, followed by a song and a prayer and finish off with a meal together. All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Please do consider joining us for an afternoon of fun activities and a family meal together.

For more information contact Jean Howat (01968 660677)

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Blythwood Shoe Box Appeal

By filling a shoebox with simple things

You can bring joy this Christmas.

It's easy to choose gifts for people that have so little.

Shampoo, a pair of socks, a notepad, a small toy, a bag of sweets - things we take for granted will seem like luxuries to people living in poverty.

Shoeboxes will be distributed to Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.



**All shoeboxes will be collected by Blythwood Care in Peebles
on October 23, 11.30 - 12.00.**

Fay Young 01968 660 374

Newlands Kids is a charity which is a small, family orientated **Early Years education and childcare** provider for 2 - 5 year-olds.



What do we offer?

Our rural setting allows us to focus on the Natural world which surrounds our setting.

Going outdoors and bringing the outdoors indoors allows our care team to fully integrate our natural setting with the aims of the Curriculum for Excellence.

We learn and grow fruit and vegetables in our outdoor classroom, poly tunnels and raised planting beds. Our in-house cook creates healthy balanced menus for them to enjoy in our outdoor sitooterie.

For more info, or to come for a visit please contact
Gill Ross, gill@newlandskids.org.uk



Term time setting

(38 wks a year)

Holiday Club is available for 4 weeks during Summer

Days and times

Mon - Thurs,
8:30am - 6:00pm
Friday
8:30am - 4:00pm

Newland's community garden

The community garden is open to all to enjoy – pop in anytime and help yourself to fresh herbs and vegetables.



Potted plants and cut leaves outside the centre entrance – please help yourself!



Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd
Community Council



**The next meeting will be at 7.30pm
on Wednesday 18 October
at the Lamancha Hub**

**Guest speaker, Marion Livingston,
will join us to talk about the
Scottish Borders National Park**

Please email lnkccchair@gmail.com if you have any comments for
the Community Council.

***Community Councils give people a voice on issues
concerning where they live. Come along and make sure
your voice is heard.***

**We have a Facebook page which will keep you up to date on
meeting dates and local issues**

Tuesday 3rd. October:

Danielle Gentile will tell us about poisons.

Competitions: Interesting glass bottle

Homemade Hallowe'en creation.

Tuesday 7th. November:

Open Evening All welcome.

Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance

There will be a raffle in aid of the charity.

Visitors £5 includes tea / coffee biscuits.

Meetings are held in Newlands Centre, Romanno Bridge at 7:15pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

We are always pleased to welcome new members and visitors to our meetings.

Contact Margaret 01721 752242 or

Sheila 077 30 410 555

Our first meeting on 14th September was well attended and was all about making thistles from fabric presented by Fiona Dunkley and which was greatly enjoyed with lots of laughter. Thanks to Fiona for bringing the needles ready threaded.

Vote of thanks by Yvonne.

Our next meeting is on 12th of October and is all about planting and showing bulbs by local lady Pam Whittle. The competition is a favourite photo of your garden.

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Lamanca Hub cafe at 7.30 till 9pm. A warm welcome awaits any new members.



Peeblesshire Youth Trust Christmas Hamper Appeal



Peeblesshire Youth Trust are once again collecting for Christmas Hampers which will be distributed in the Tweeddale area to families who are struggling this Christmas (Last year they made up over 100 hampers).

At Newlands Church we have been asked to collect **stock cubes**. They can be brought to church on any Sunday between now and mid November.

Many thanks.

Garden Ramblings

We are now at the end of September and thankfully we got off lightly with Hurricane Agnes! Apparently she was downgraded at the last minute. However it has been a funny old summer with butterflies appearing in vast numbers this month, especially the red admirals and peacocks. Where had they been hiding this year?

I'm glad we had old fashioned michaelmas daisies and yellow heleniums as the butterfly bushes are long finished.



I didn't bother filling in my butterfly count as I only had 4 whites back in July.

The rowan berries have held on and are now a rich red and waiting for the starlings but they are too busy scoffing the fat balls. Other trees and shrubs are changing to their autumn finery. I have a new shrub which is worth a mention and that is the Euonymus. A rose that has decided to flower again is Bonica and there are still purple flowers on the clematis "Polish Spirit."

The petunias and pelargoniums in pots are still flowering but they will have to go soon to make way for the tulips that will be arriving any day now.

In the polytunnel the tomatoes have done well. I also have sown seed of primroses and polyanthus for next year.

Happy gardening everyone.

Cilla Davidson

LAMANCHA AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Cafe will be open during the winter months every Wednesday from 10am till 2pm so if you are bored and would like some hot soup, filled rolls, scones and cakes why not meet your friends to enjoy a blether.

The hall is available to hire for birthday parties and exercise classes or you can also hold any meetings in the cafe at £10 per hour.

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Please contact your elder or Ilka Roehe by email if you would like a digital copy or large-print copy of the Parish magazine sent to your email address.

Material for the November magazine to ilka.roehe@btinternet.com by

Tuesday, 24 October 2023



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